

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	April 30, 2007
Prepared By	Chief Ronald A. Ricucci
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Six Mobile Data Computers
Background	<p>The Police Department has moved forward on implementation plans to convert to the use of the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems used by the Montgomery County Police. Both systems rely on the use of a mobile data computer in the officer's vehicle, in order to enhance the dispatch process, and to record reporting information in the field. The systems also allow the officers to conduct various database queries such as MILES/NCIC without having to voice requests over the radio, which enhances both the accuracy of the inquiry and the overall efficiency of the department.</p> <p>The Department has been purchasing this equipment in the past through a vendor it identified as being less costly than the County's original provider. Since then, the County has also obtained contractual pricing from this vendor, Pelican Mobile.</p> <p>This cooperative purchase at a per unit cost of \$3813.00, for a Panasonic MSCF-30 Toughbook Computer, is based on this project contract pricing, which had been competitively bid by Montgomery County.</p> <p>Neither Panasonic nor Pelican Mobile Computing is on the Fiscal Year 2002 Nuclear Free America, Inc. Listing of Parent Companies of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Systems Contractors.</p>
Policy	Ordinance required for authorization to purchase based on the total amount of the expenditure.
Fiscal Impact	Funding had been identified in previous years and set aside in the Equipment Replacement Reserve for this project. The cost for six mobile computers is \$22,878.00.
Attachments	Draft Ordinance
Recommendation	Adoption of the ordinance authorizing the expenditure.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

Single Reading Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-

AN ORDINANCE TO PURCHASE SIX MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS

WHEREAS, the City has embarked on the process of conversion to the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) operated by the Montgomery County Police Department; AND

WHEREAS, the use of said systems requires officers to have mobile data computers in the patrol vehicles in order to receive dispatch information critical to the effective response to calls for service; AND

WHEREAS, incident reports can be entered into the mobile data computers while the officer remains in the field, and serve as a visible deterrent to potential crime; AND

WHEREAS, the mobile data computers to be purchased are Panasonic brand Toughbook MSCF-30 models, purchased from Pelican Mobile Computing, neither of which are companies on the Listing of Parent Companies of U.S. Nuclear Weapons Systems Contractors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The quotation from Pelican Mobile Computing, in accordance with its contract with Montgomery County, for six MSCF-30 Toughbook mobile computers and related accessories at \$3,813 per unit, for a total cost of \$22,878, is accepted.

SECTION 2. The funding for the purchase has been provided for in the Equipment Replacement Reserve.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ by roll-call vote as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT: